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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Committee on Exploitation of Foreign  
Language Publications

SUBJECT: Procurement of Critical Far East Publications

1. This is my second progress report to you on the above subject.
2. The following excerpts from a 2 March 1959 official-informal letter from the Publications Officer at Hong Kong are of interest:

25X1X7 "Mainland Newspapers - [redacted] which receives  
25X1X7 all the newspapers and publications forwarded from the [redacted]  
25X1X7 (except for the Liberation Army Daily), has kindly agreed to  
let us microfilm all the newspapers which they receive in addition  
to those which they supply us. Starting this week [redacted] will microfilm  
all these newspapers (except for the ones we keep and which are sent  
to you after being circulated here) as they arrive. This will include  
25X1X7 eight that we receive [redacted] also, but this way I think you  
will get the film several months before their copies reach Washington.  
You will note this procedure will cover the five provincial newspapers  
mentioned in the enclosure to your last letter. We will automatically  
microfilm all of these papers going back to January 1, 1959 as we  
have time. I would appreciate your telling Mr. Bass that, for the  
moment, we are sending the film directly to you without exploiting it  
here first."

3. Attached hereto you will find a listing of the mainland newspapers from the [redacted] cited above, with notations.

4. The Library informs me that microfilms of the above mentioned newspapers have been sent to [redacted] as they are received. It is recognized that microfilm copy of a newspaper is difficult to handle, and we are making every effort to acquire original copies, if possible.

5. The Publications Officer also reports that the publication Jen-min Chiao-yu (People's Education), is no longer being published.

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Chairman, Committee on Procurement  
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